retributive justice shewn in the pouring  
out of the third vial.  
{1} **After these things I heard as it were  
a great voice of much multitude in  
heaven, of people saying Hallelujah** (the  
word so often found in the Psalter,  
‘Praise ye Jah, i.e. Jehovah, Perhaps  
it is hardly justifiable to lay, as Elliott  
has done, a stress on this Hebrew formula  
of praise being now first used, and to infer  
thence that the Jews are indicated as bearing a prominent part in the following song.  
The formula must have passed, with the  
Psalter, into the Christian Church, being  
continually found in the Septuagint: and  
its use first here may be quite accounted  
for by the greatness and finality of this  
triumph. The form Alleluia, adopted by  
the Greeks and Latins from inability to  
express the Hebrew spelling, ought not to  
be retained in English, as it disguises the  
sacred name, and thus obliterates the  
meaning of tho word), **the salvation and  
the glory and the might belong to our  
God: {2} because true and just are His  
judgments: because He judged** (the past  
tenses are anticipatory. In this case they  
ean be rendered by the simple past in  
English) **the great harlot, which corrupted** (whose habit it was to corrupt)  
**the earth in** (of the element of the corruption) **her fornication; and He exacted  
in vengeance the blood of His servants  
from her hand** (so almost verbatim in  
2 Kings ix. 7, of the vengeance to be  
taken on Jezebel. The vengeance is considered as a penalty exacted, forced, out  
of the reluctant hand : see also Gen. ix. 5;  
Ezek. xxxiii. 6). {3} **And a second time they  
said Hallelujah; and her smoke** (of her  
burning, ch. xviii. 9) **goeth up to the  
ages of the ages** (this addition gives a  
reason for the praise, parallel with those  
introduced by because before). {4} **And the  
twenty-four elders and the four living-beings fell down and worshipped God  
who sitteth upon the throne, saying  
Amen; Hallelujah** (thereby confirming  
the general song of praise of the great  
multitude). {5} **And a voice came forth from  
the throne** (from perhaps gives more the  
direction than the actual source of the  
voice. It is useless to conjecture whose  
voice it is; but we may say that [on  
account of the expression our God] it is  
not that of the Lamb. Our Lord never  
spoke thus: compare John xx. 17, note)  
**saying, Give praise to our God, all His**